The President announced his intention to nominate James M. Stephens to be a member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

The President declared a major disaster in North Dakota and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, and tornadoes on June 8–August 11.

The President declared a major disaster in Wisconsin and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding on September 2.

### September 11

In the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in a private service at St. John's Episcopal Church. Later, on the South Lawn of the White House, they participated in a moment of silence to mark the anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. The President and Mrs. Bush then traveled to the Pentagon in Arlington, VA, where they participated in an observance commemorating the terrorist attacks. Following the observance, they traveled to Shanksville, PA.

In the afternoon, in Shanksville, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in a wreath laying ceremony for victims of the September 11, 2001, plane crash at the site of the crash.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to New York City, where he participated in a wreath laying ceremony at the site of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center.

### September 12

In the morning, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City, the President had separate meetings with Secretary-General Kofi Annan and General Assembly President Jan Kavan of the United Nations.

In the afternoon, at the United Nations Headquarters, the President had separate meetings with Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee of India, President Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan, and Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi of Japan.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Xanana Gusmao of East Timor to the White House on October 2.

### September 13

In the morning, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City, the President met with President Joseph Kabila of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, President Paul Kagame of Rwanda, and President Thabo Mbeki of South Africa.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Peter DeShazo for the rank of Ambassador during his service as Deputy Permanent U.S. Representative to the Permanent Mission to the Organization of American States and U.S. Representative to the Inter-American Council for Integral Development.

The President announced his intention to designate David Barrett Cohen as U.S. Special Representative to the Northern Mariana Islands.

The President announced his intention to designate Thomas G. Bowman as Acting Assistant Secretary for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

## Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

### Submitted September 10

James M. Stephens,

of Virginia, to be a member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring April 27, 2005, vice Ross Edward Eisenbrey.

Glenn T. Suddaby,

of New York, to be U.S. States Attorney for the Northern District of New York for the term of 4 years, vice Daniel J. French, resigned.

## Submitted September 12

Glen L. Bower,

of Illinois, to be a Judge of the U.S. Tax Court for a term of 15 years after he takes office, vice Carolyn Miller Parr, term expired.

Ralph R. Erickson,

of North Dakota, to be U.S. District Judge for the District of North Dakota, vice Rodney S. Webb, retired.

Maura Ann Harty,

of Florida, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Consular Affairs), vice Mary A. Ryan.

S. Maurice Hicks, Jr.,

of Louisiana, to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, vice Donald E. Walter, retired.

Thomas L. Ludington,

of Michigan, to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, vice Paul V. Gadola, retired.

William D. Quarles, Jr.,

of Maryland, to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Maryland, vice William M. Nickerson, retired.

Victor J. Wolski,

of Virginia, to be a Judge of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims for a term of 15 years, vice Bohdan A. Futey, term expired.

# **Checklist** of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

#### Released September 9

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Fact sheet: United States-Canada NEXUS Program

Fact sheet: United States-Canada Free and Secure Trade (FAST) Program

Summary of Smart Border Action Plan Status

## Released September 10

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Transcript of remarks by Attorney General John D. Ashcroft and Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge on increasing the national threat level to "Condition Orange"

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to North Dakota

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Wisconsin

Statement by Press Secretary on the upcoming visit of Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of Italy

Announcement of nomination for U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of New York

## Released September 11

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Excerpts From the President's Address to the Nation

Advance text of the President's address to the Nation on the anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11

## Released September 12

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit by President Gusmao of East Timor

Fact sheet: United States Rejoins UNESCO

Announcement of nominations for U.S. District Judges for the Western District of Louisiana, the District of North Dakota, the District of Maryland, the Eastern District of Michigan, and a Judge of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims